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TITLE: SIMULATION OF ELECTRO-OPTICAL CONNECTIONS THAT
TAKES SPATIAL DIRECTION INTO CONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application, including those identified in the International Search Report, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AR is a German article and reference AS is an English language article. The relevance of both references was adequately discussed in the specification, so no further commentary on their teaching is required.

The filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b).

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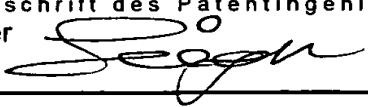
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